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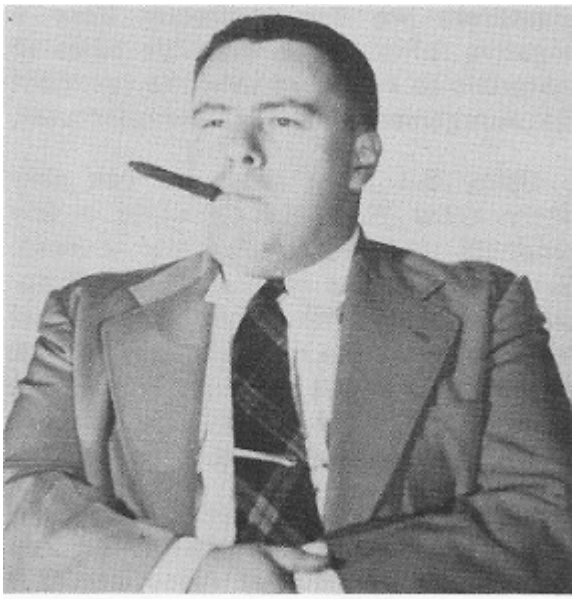


DON ROBINSON

Prototype Railroader Awarded MMR No. 13

Donald S. Robinson, President of NER, of Greenfield, Mass., is the first prototype railroader to be awarded the Master Model Railroader title by the NMRA.

Don is employed by the Boston and Maine Railroad and has worked for the B&M on the Fitchburg Division since February of 1954. He has worked all tricks on all sheets of the division as station agent, train director (CTC), telegrapher, crew dispatcher and leverman. He has been promoted recently to train dispatcher. Not content with earning a living at railroading he comes home and rides the hobby in addition to the prototype and has earned Achievement Certificates for motive power, cars, structures, chief dispatcher, official, volunteer and author. His chief dispatcher certificate was awarded on the basis of his prototype experience . . . you can't beat that!

Don has also assisted the Prototype Operations Committee with definitions of terms and explanations of operating practices on the B&M.

Donald S. Robinson MMR

DONALD S. ROBINSON, *408 Davis Street, Greenfield, Mass., 01301, is 41 years of age and a member of the Northeastern Region. He joined both the NMRA and the Region in 1948, has attended a number of Regional Conventions and 3 National Conventions.*

Don has served the NMRA in an appointive capacity as Chairman, Narrow Gauge Standards (1961-63); Chairman of the Golden Spike Centennial Committee (1963 to date); member of the 1966 Nominating Committee and Achievement Program Advisor on Narrow Gauge (1966).

On the Regional side of service he was Editor of "The Coupler" (1959-63); President (1963-64); Regional Director (1960 to date); Shairman of Hodel Contests (1965) and Chairman of the Spring 1957 and Fall 1962 Conventions.

Don holds Master Model Railroader Certificate number 13.

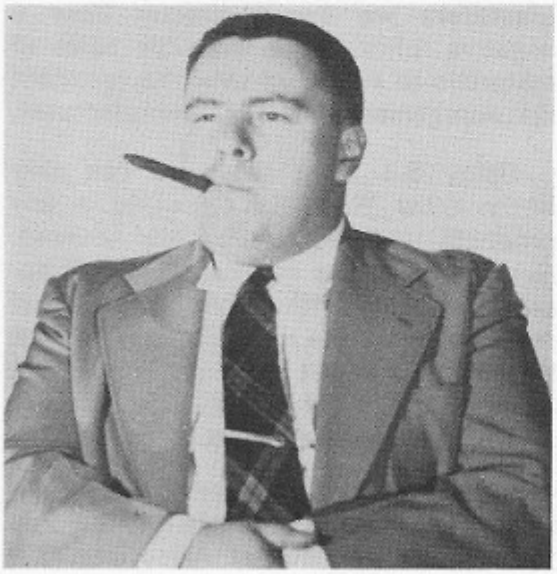
Since making a "statement" as candidate for Eastern Vice President seems to me to be nothing more than offering political promises — which are seldom worth the paper on which they are written — and since I feel that politics has no place in NMRA, I shall abstain except for saying that, if elected, I will work to the best of my ability for our Association. During my two years as a Trustee I was present at every regular meeting of the Board of Trustees; as Eastern Vice President I will endeavor not to break that record.

See Below for additional information

DON ROBINSON

by Tom O'Neil

Don is probably best known to most for his handling of Pass Exchange over the years, but has also been highly active in serving the **BULLETIN** and NMRA. Don is of the breed that works for a railroad—the Boston and Maine, as a train dispatcher—and then comes home to do it all over again, but now being his own boss. At the moment Don operates exclusively from club trackage. "An arm chairer" you may say? No way.



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His first bit of equipment in his 49 years came thirty-five years ago (which he still has), and has now extended to an ex-Rutland caboose and a Boston and Maine baggage car kept at the Green Mountain Museum in Vermont.

It's easy enough to guess what his favorite prototype road is, but his interests carry over to the Maine two-footers and the Colorado three-footers, especially the Bridgton and Saco River and the Denver, South Park and Pacific. However, Don does not try to model any prototype exactly and uses his own road names in HO and HOn3.

Being a bachelor ("Having never made the same mistake once") leaves time many don't have, but none is wasted. Don is a volunteer fireman (the kind that puts out fires), and has an active interest in photography. In addition, Don belongs to fifty some organizations—a "joiner" you say. Well, he has held office in most and makes the meetings of others. If there's any boredom in this fellow's life it certainly isn't going to be on his account.

But in the end the real interest is railroading which probably accounts for his being singled out by Railroad Magazine for coverage as "Interesting Railfan #105"—one of the very few in the NMRA to be so honored.

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